

ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 7
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

October 2015

Governor's Message

WOW! That is the only word I can think of when I think about the District Conference. I want to say thank you to all those that attended. We had a wonderful turn out and most Clubs were represented. I hope all of you in attendance have taken back learnings and shared with your Clubs. There were lots of good discussions and the Best Practices are an excellent way to reapply vs reinvent.



Polly Holten

Here are some key points that I would like to share with you:

1. Our newly elected leaders are:

Governor – Mary Reed, Jamestown
Lieutenant Governor – Shelley Schultz, Mankato
Treasurer – Susan Voeltz, St. Cloud
Area 1 Director – Laurel Haroldson, Jamestown
Area 2 Director – Shannon Daniels, Cape Girardeau
Area 3 Director – Gayle Borchert, St. Cloud
Area 4 Director - Susan Adolphsen, Kansas City I

The nominating committee will be:

Jane Austin, Jamestown, Janet Kannard, Kansas City II and Kay Moss, St. Louis.

2. Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard shared a video that gave an update on Zonta International Service Projects. We are making a difference in the lives of women worldwide. We are not able to upload her video on our website, but you can access it through this link:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/b2z4inrp5x8ct64/Conference%20Video.mp4?dl=0>.
3. These service projects could not happen without contributions to the ZI Foundation. We are a generous District. Our District has given \$52,482 so far this biennium. District 7 is ranked #6 in % of individuals giving and #10 for \$ per individual given. That is something we can all be proud of.

Special Recognition goes to St Cloud, Cape Girardeau and Minneapolis. They are the top club givers to the ZI Foundation. St Cloud gave \$8056, Cape Girardeau gave \$7992, and Minneapolis gave \$6625. A special shout out to the Minneapolis Club. They are small and

mighty. They are a Club of 12 that did amazing things to raise money. For Clubs wanting to reapply fundraising ideas, please reach out to one of these Clubs to learn and not reinvent.



The week of the Conference, I sent a request to the Club Presidents and asked if clubs could bring a basket to raffle for the ZI Foundation. Another **WOW** is all I can say. We raised \$1225 from the baskets donated by the Clubs. The raffle was a lot of fun and the baskets were incredible.



We have set a goal to have every club give to the foundation and to have every member give some amount during this biennium to the Foundation. Please consider this opportunity at your next Club meeting. We can do this!

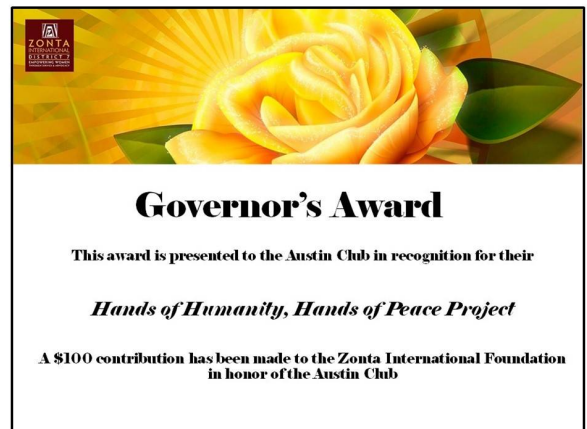
4. Susanne von Bassewitz shared Zonta's Brand. Each of us represent Zonta's Brand of honesty, respect, and trustworthiness. She also reviewed Zonta's updated mission statement. All Clubs should be using the newly designed logos. They are on the D7 website.



5. Eight Clubs shared Best Practices on Service and Advocacy. Please use this as an opportunity to reapply learnings back at your Clubs. Take the time to reach out and network. The more we learn and reapply, the bigger impact we will make across the District. Thank you to Austin, Breckinridge-Wahpeton, Jamestown, Jefferson City, Johnson County, Mankato, St Louis, and Kansas City II for sharing your wonderful stories.



6. The Austin Club was awarded the Governor's Award for their Hands of Humanity, Hands of Peace Project. A \$100 donation was made to the ZI Foundation in honor of the Austin Club. What a wonderful advocacy project!



District 7 Zontians are Warriors!



All of the presentations and information is on the District 7 website. Please use these tools as an opportunity to network and learn from each other.

Zonta International Updates

November is just around the corner and clubs should be preparing for the 16 Days of Activism. There is lots of good information on the Zonta International website and toolkits are easily available. Throughout the 16 Days of Activism 25 November-10 December, the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign invites all Zonta clubs and districts to participate by [sharing their new and ongoing actions](#) to end violence against women and girls. These actions will be featured on the Zonta Says NO campaign webpage and official [social media pages](#). Visit the [Take Action page](#) to find all existing campaign images and resources. Please take pictures and send them to Mary Reed or I to post on our District 7 Facebook Page.



SAVE THESE DATES!

Area Meetings:

Area 1/3 April 23 Fargo
Area 2/4 April 30 Jefferson City

Area meetings are a great way to be engaged with Zonta. Learn more about our district, your area, international and meet members from other clubs. Mark your calendar NOW!



Save The Date

For the Zonta International 63rd Convention

2-6 July 2016
in Nice, France
Acropolis Convention Center





MEET ME IN ST LOUIS!

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DISTRICT 7 SEMINAR

SEPTEMBER 16 - 18

